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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ADDENDUM TO
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, BRICK DOUBLE HOUSE
(ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, FACULTY RESIDENCE)
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Location: St. John's Street, St. John's College, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Present Owner: St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland

Present Occupant: Male Students

Significance: The house was originally built as a duplex faculty home. Under St. John's College, President Humphrey's efforts to make St. John's a self-sufficient community, "... the town could come to the College, but the College should not have to go to the town ..." (TF. Tilghman, "An Early Victorian College, St. John's" Maryland Historical Magazine, XIV, June, 1949)

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1855-1857. The Anne Arundel County Almanac for 1878 contains a map of the city with a notation that the Paca-Carroll House was occupied by a Dr. A. Claude and Mr. L.M. Dashnell, D.D.
2. Alterations and Additions: In 1955, under the supervision of St. John's College Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Archibald McCourt, two wings at the rear of the building were razed. These wings had been used as summer kitchens and were considered inappropriate for the building's new function as dormitory. At this time new wrought-iron rails were placed on the front steps. On the third floor, the partition separating the two houses was removed and the ceiling lifted to create space for an additional double room.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character:
2. Condition of fabric: The exterior brick masonry is sound; the interior has been extensively altered on the third floor.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The two-and-one-half-story house rests on an elevated basement, nearly a full story above grade, bricks laid in American bond. The building is rectangular in form, approximately 31' x 48' with a six bay front.
2. Wall construction: Exterior walls of brick laid in American bond, medium red in color.
3. Porches: Granite stoops, 8 and 10 steps high, respectively, give access to the entrances at each end.
4. Chimneys: There is a large brick chimney one bay in front from each end.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The main facade has two entrances, one at each end, consisting of a wooden frontispiece with simple Greek Revival entablature over antoe. Each doorway has a glazed transom over a six-panel door.
 - b. Windows: Typical window openings are rectangular, with a flat arch, simple wooden trim and granite sills. Sashes are double hung, 6 lights over 6 lights. There are two blind panels at each end of the rear wall (possibly once windows lighting the stairs).
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: The roof is a gable, covered with slates.
 - b. Cornice: Three plain courses of corbeled brick.
 - c. There are two segmental-gabled dormers on each long face.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:
 - a. Basement: Two large rooms across the front, a bathroom, washroom across the rear and stair halls at each end.
 - b. First floor: There is a stair hall at each end, with two rooms opening from each (front and rear).
 - c. Second floor: The stair halls at each end open into rooms; there is a small room over each entranceway.
 - d. Attic: There are stair halls at each end, which lead to a large central room.

2. Stairways: Stairs at each end of the building extend from basement to attic: 18 risers from the first to the second floor, and 16 risers to the attic. The stairs are a dog-leg type, with open string, brackets, round handrail, round tapered balusters and a large turned newel.
3. Flooring: The entire building is floored with yellow pine boards which average 5" in width.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Primarily finished in plain plaster.
5. Doorways and doors:
 - a. First floor: The four-panel doors here are probably replacements.
 - b. Second floor: The six-panel doors here appear original; there are small panels in the central tier, vertical panels above and below.
 - c. Third floor: There are simple 4-panel doors.
6. Decorative features and trim: The window and door openings have wide plain trim, except for beading on the inner edge. The windows have splayed jambs with a high wood base. Several rooms retain their chimneypieces; on the first floor they are wooden, with a simple pilaster strip, a low Tudor arch and a mantel shelf. On the second floor they are simple marble and wooden mantels.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Old views:

Building Files, Alumni Office, St. John's College, Annapolis.

Forbes Collection of Photographs, #190 (with Humphreys Hall) #73, #181, Hall of Records Annapolis

Picture Files, Alumni Office, St. John's College, Annapolis

B. Primary and unpublished sources:

Letters to President Humphreys, 1839-1857. Hall of Records, Annapolis

Minutes of Board of Visitors and Governors, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland

C. Secondary and published sources:

Evening Capitol, Annapolis, 21 September, 1955

Tilghman, T.F., "An Early Victorian College: St. John's", Maryland Historical Magazine, XXIV, June 1949

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